

Torrance, California
July 12, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on July 12, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Also present were City Manager Stevens and Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Ross Scariotti, Jr., led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Schwab moved the minutes of the regular meeting held July 5, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

1. 1955 Municipal Improvement Bonds:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the opening of bids for the \$950,000 bonds of the City of Torrance, California, designated MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS 1955, and numbered 1 to 950, inclusive.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication relative to the Notice Inviting Bids on these Municipal Improvement Bonds, and Mayor Isen ordered it filed.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids:

- (a) First National City Bank of New York, First Michigan Corporation, and Provident Savings Bank and Trust Co., Cincinnati,--a syndicate: bid par, accrued interest to date of delivery and a premium of \$2,660.00 for bonds bearing an interest rate of 3% per annum, payable August 1, 1956, and semi-annually thereafter. On the basis of this bid the Gross Interest Cost is calculated to be \$462,150, Less Premium Bid \$2,660.00, Net Interest \$459,490, the Net Interest Rate 2.9827%.
- (b) Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, American Trust Company, Blyth and Company, Inc., California Bank, R.H. Moulton and Company, William R. Staats and Company--a syndicate: bid par, accrued interest to date of delivery and a premium of \$1,121.00 for bonds bearing interest payable annually the first year and semi-annually thereafter at the rates of:

\$290,000 maturing from August 1, 1956 to August 1, 1965, inclusive, at 6%

\$485,000 maturing from August 1, 1966 to August 1, 1980, inclusive, at 3%

\$175,000 maturing from August 1, 1981 to August 1, 1985, inclusive, at 1-3/4%

From this bid the following calculations were made: Gross Interest Cost \$449,950.00, Less Premium \$1,121.00, Net Interest Cost \$448,829.00, Net Interest Rate 2.9135%.

- (c) Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association: bid par accrued interest to date of delivery and a premium of \$559.00 for bonds bearing interest payable annually the first year and semi-annually thereafter at the rates of:

\$170,000 par value maturing August 1, 1956 to August 1, 1961, inclusive, bearing interest at 5%.

\$675,000 par value maturing August 1, 1962 to August 1, 1982, inclusive, bearing interest at 3%.

\$105,000 par value maturing August 1, 1983 to August 1, 1985, inclusive, bearing interest at 2-1/2%

From this bid the following is the Estimated Net Interest Cost -- \$458,666.00 (or 2.9774% Net Interest Rate.)

Each of the above bids was accompanied by a good faith check in the amount of \$28,500.

Councilman Benstead moved the bids be referred to the Accountant, Mr. Hallanger, for checking and computation, a report thereon to be given to the Council later in this meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Later during the meeting City Manager Stevens recommended the bid of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, American Trust Company, Blyth and Company, Inc., California Bank, R.H. Moulton and Company, William R. Staats and Company -- a syndicate, be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read in full Resolution No. 2777, entitled,

RESOLUTION NO. 2777

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AWARDDING BONDS OF SAID CITY TO BEST BIDDER.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2777. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

2. Bids on Construction of Municipal Improvements:

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication inviting bids on four Municipal Improvements, which Mayor Isen ordered filed.

(a) City Hall and Police Station:

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Barlett read the following bids, each of which was accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Lump Sum Price</u> | <u>Alternate "A"</u> | <u>Alternate "B"</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Oppert and Forsberg | \$554,000 | \$600.00 | \$900.00 |
| R. E. Payne | 519,500 | 470.00 | 964.00 |
| Kemp Bros. | 534,200 | 750.00 | 990.00 |
| Harwick and Son | 521,388 | 470.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Contracting Engineers Co. | 581,700 | 600.00 | 1,100.00 |
| J.C. Boespflug Constr. Co. | 560,000 | 500.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Ruane Corp. | 568,300 | 525.00 | 950.00 |

Councilman Benstead moved the bids be referred to the Architect and City Manager for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

(b) Mill Work for City Hall and Police Station:

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Casework</u> | <u>Seating For Council Chambers</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Standard Cabinet Works, Inc. | \$30,640.00 | No Bid |
| Columbia Showcase & Cabinet Co. | 28,793.00 | \$5,534.00 |
| California Church Furniture | 11,631.95 | 8,640.85 |

Councilman Schwab moved the bids be referred to the Architect and City Manager for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

(c) Bathhouse and Swimming Pool:

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids; each of which was accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate #1</u> | <u>Alternate #2</u> | <u>Alternate #3</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Baruch Corp. | \$281,000 | \$9,000 | \$12,500 | \$4,800 |
| Oppert & Forsberg | 256,000 | --- | --- | --- |
| Contracting Engineers | 256,500 | 7,500 | 8,900 | 4,500 |
| Noyes Roach Co. | 263,100 | 8,330 | 8,830 | 4,500 |
| Walker & Murphy | 243,785 | 8,414 | 10,400 | 3,764 |

Mayor Isen moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

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(d) Recreation Parks and Buildings

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids, each of which was accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid No. 1</u> <u>El Retiro</u> | <u>Bid No. 2</u> <u>McMaster</u> | <u>Bid No. 3</u> <u>Seaside</u> | <u>Bid No. 4</u> <u>Walteria</u> | <u>Bid No. 5</u> <u>All 4 Parks</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| E.I.Noxon Const. Co. | \$11,697.00 | \$32,841.00 | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |
| Albert F. Anderson | 9,495.00 | 34,641.81 | \$53,155.00 | \$36,871.00 | \$134,162.8 |
| A.H. Dohrman Company | 15,370.00 | 35,080.00 | 55,126.09 | 39,093.00 | 139,164.00 |

Bids on Alternates

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Alternate "A"</u> | <u>Alternate "B"</u> | <u>Alternate "C"</u> | <u>Alternate "D"</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| E.I.Noxon Co. | \$ 2,545.00 | No Bid | No Bid | \$884.00 |
| Albert Anderson | 1,810.64 | \$2,360.34 | \$1,911.64 | 884.00 |
| A.H. Dohrman | 2,749.00 | 2,300.00 | 3,699.00 | 884.00 |

Councilman Drale moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

3. Del Amo Boulevard Improvement District:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the public opening and reading of sealed proposals for performing the work for the improvement of Del Amo Boulevard Improvement District (Improvement Act of 1911).

City Clerk Bartlett presented affidavits of publication and of posting the "Notice Inviting Sealed Proposals".

Councilman Benstead moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read in full each sealed proposal, summarized as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Total Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| S. A. Cummings | \$11,288.60 |
| Oswald Bros. | 17,408.58 |
| Sheets Const. Co. | 12,404.99 |
| Warren Southwest Inc. | 12,280.50 |

Each proposal was submitted to Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer for examination of the accompanying bonds or checks. Mr. Remelmeyer reported that all deposits accompanying the proposals were proper in form, sufficient in amount and in conformity with the stipulated requirements.

Councilman Schwab moved these "Sealed Proposals" be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer for analysis and that the report thereon be presented at the next regular Council meeting to be held on July 19, 1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

4. 239th Street Sewer District:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the public opening and reading of sealed proposals for performing the work for the improvement of the 239th Street Sewer Improvement District.

City Clerk Bartlett presented affidavits of publication and of posting the "Notice Inviting Sealed Proposals".

Councilman Drale moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Total Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| J.E. Popovich | \$27,660.20 |
| O'Shaughnessy Const. Co. | 30,587.60 |
| Sanitary Const. Engr. and Supply Co. | 26,801.46 |
| Wucetich Const. | 22,393.18 |
| Mike Prlich | 28,039.05 |

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Councilman Schwab moved that these "Sealed Proposals" be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer for analysis and that the report be presented at the next regular Council meeting to be held on July 19, 1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

City Manager Stevens asked that the Architect, Mr. Varner, read the names of the sub-contractors listed on the lowest bid for the City Hall and Police Station, which Mr. Varner did.

At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Isen declared a recess and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

City Clerk Bartlett stated that he had received a summons filed on behalf of W.T. McGiffin, Jr., et al, vs. City of Torrance, Superior Court No. 646122.

Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the Legal Department for disposition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

HEARING ON PROPOSED RABIES ORDINANCE:

City Clerk Bartlett announced that he had received written indication from 447 persons favoring such an ordinance, and 10 written communications from persons objecting to it.

Mayor Isen called for oral communications on this matter and the following persons spoke in favor of such an ordinance: Ed Price, 4214 West 176th Street, Norma Manlone, 22506 Ladeene Avenue, Herma Tillim, 16940 Osage Avenue, Ruth Vaughn, 1724 Juniper Avenue; Dick Wallace, 2243 Aldena Avenue; Robert Hamer, 302 Calle de Arboles; Mr. Schoonover, 3546 Senefeld Drive, representing the Pacific Hills Homeowners Association; Dr. Clinton Thienes, 636 Winston Avenue, San Marino; Rev. Doyle of Redondo Beach; Dr. Kurt T. Shery, 1104 Sartori Avenue; Albert Frederickson, 1965 Reynosa Drive, and Mrs. Charles Turner, 2024 Martina Avenue, who indicated her favor of the ordinance, but protested the manner in which the hearing was conducted.

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Additional petitions in favor of the ordinance were filed, bearing a total of approximately 140 signatures. Persons in the audience favoring the ordinance were asked to stand. An approximate count of 72 was made.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the ordinance: Dolores DePasto, 2020 West 165th Street; James Watts, 2205 South Vermont Avenue; Grant Tidmark, 2151 Middlebrook Road; Blanche Y. Connors, 16802 Ainsworth Avenue; Joe Friedland, 3921 West 242nd Street; Eileen Goetz, 5029 Milne Drive; V.C. Frith, 22228 Warmside Avenue; Jess Lockhart, 2837 Sonoma Avenue; Estelle Taylor of Hollywood; Rita Delmar, Legislative Representative for Humane Affiliates; and Major Abrams, Attorney from Sherman Oaks.

Mayor Isen asked for any persons in the audience opposing the ordinance, who had not given their protest orally, to stand and one person stood.

Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen commented that he did not believe it is the intention of this Council to sidestep this issue, "I don't think any of the Council want to inject their own personal ideas or opinions, but they want to know how the majority of the people in this area feel about this matter. I am directing the City Attorney to have the proposed ordinance on the agenda for our consideration on the 26th of July, which will be an 8:00 o'clock meeting. With that, this open meeting is declared closed and we will have a seven-minute recess".

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers, U.S. Government, communication signed by Harold E. Spickard, Chief of the Real Estate Division, transmitting a draft of lease to be entered into by and between the City of Torrance and the United States of America, regarding a NIKE site on the Torrance Municipal Airport.

City Manager Stevens stated that copies of the communication and proposed lease had been given the members of the Council and Mayor Isen ordered the two documents incorporated as a part of the record by reference. Mr. Stevens explained that this lease has been approved by the Legal Department of the C.A.A. and that parts of it are a result of a meeting with the officials of the Corps of Engineers and C.A.A. It is, in effect, a lease subject to the leases we have. They propose to lease about 44 acres, as outlined on the map presented to the Council at the last meeting. The leases affected are the Agricultural Lease, which is rather minor as the leasee will probably be able to harvest most of his crops; the Driving Range Lease, which will be wiped out; and a section of the Longren Lease, which could be used for parking only and which covers approximately 2.4 acres. In the matter of restoration, the structures of the launching sites will be removed down to six inches below the ground and the land leveled. There is an option provided that we could take the money in lieu of having the government do this, and also an option that we can retain the buildings, but they will not take the pits out. Time is of the essence to the Army, if this is approved they will then send it to Washington for approval at the top level and then start working out the matter of the existing leases.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Stevens would recommend the lease in its present form, and Mr. Stevens said he would so recommend it.

Councilman Drale asked what the status of the Longren Aircraft lease is and City Manager Stevens explained that they had six months in which to start construction and which time has gone by with no request to the City for extension.

Mayor Isen said he thought perhaps the City Attorney should give the Council a memorandum as to the condition and legality of the Longren lease, and a suggestion thereon.

City Manager Stevens advised that if this lease with the Army is approved, subject to the existing leases, then they will have something to go to work on.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2778

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2778. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request of F.E. Compton and Company to solicit door-to-door for the sale of encyclopedias.

Mayor Isen moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request of the South Bay Community Arts Association to sell tickets to "Aquariana", an exhibition of fine paintings to be held at Marineland of the Pacific, Palos Verdes Peninsula, from August 18 through September 5.

Councilman Drale moved the request be approved, providing they do not sell the tickets door-to-door. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Communication from Torrance Herald, transmitting contract forms relative to advertising for a one year period beginning July 1, 1955.

City Clerk Bartlett advised that the rates last year were \$1.21 per legal square for the first publication and \$1.11 per legal square for the second and all subsequent publications; that the rates in the proposed contract are \$1.73 and \$1.63, respectively.

Councilman Drale moved the contract be entered into, subject to approval of the contract as to form by our Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

International Association of Fire Fighters, A.F. of L., announcing appointment of two delegates from its ranks to serve as members of the newly formed Coordinating Council of City Employees and stating their appreciation for the recognition already given the Coordinating Council.

Mayor Isen ordered the contents of the communication be noted in the record and the communication filed.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

Robert M. Carroll was employed as a Bus Operator, on a temporary basis, effective July 1, 1955, at the first salary step. (No eligible list.)

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

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APPROPRIATIONS:

For the purchase of a Remington Electric Typewriter for use in the Record Bureau of the Police Department, the sum of \$395.00 plus sales tax. (After testing several makes, the Operator selected the Remington, which is used by most of the City offices.)

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

BARRICADING OF ALLEY:

Councilman Drale asked that the subject of barricading the alley between 173rd and 174th Streets off Hawthorne Avenue be considered at this time.

Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he has not finished his research on the matter at this time, but that the City Council does have the authority to barricade the alley.

Councilman Drale moved that the alley between 173rd and 174th Streets be barricaded at the rear of the market by a wooden gate, the expense of which would be the responsibility of the market owner; that the weight load be limited on 173rd Street to 2-1/2 tons; and that Ashley Avenue be paved from 173rd Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen suggested the alley be marked a "Dead-End Alley", and directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance with reference to the limitation of motor vehicle tonnage on 173rd Street.

Councilman Drale asked City Manager Stevens to write Mr. Capellino a letter, in order to expedite this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. Recommendation for approval of the request of Vegas Air, Inc. to lease the parcel of land 200' x 200' adjacent to and northerly of the property covered by their present lease, subject to six conditions as set forth in this communication dated July 1, 1955.

After a short discussion it was decided to hold this matter over for another week.

2. Advising that a proposed Airport Master Plan has been submitted and tentatively approved by the Airport Commission; that the plan will be available for consideration and approval at the informal meeting to be held between the Council and Airport Commission; and suggesting that the informal meeting be set for sometime between the first and fifteenth of August.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed with its contents made a part of the record by reference, and requested City Manager Stevens to set up the dinner meeting and advise the Council of the date.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

Tentative Tract Map No. 19308: Located easterly of Border Avenue, southerly of Plaza del Amo, northerly of Lincoln Avenue and westerly of the old City Dump, containing 57 lots and submitted by Norco Knolls, Inc. The Engineering Department and Planning Commission recommend approval, subject to the Tract Map (Exhibit A-1), letter from Norco Knolls, Inc. dated July 5, 1955, (Exhibit A-2), and letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, dated July 6, 1955, (Exhibit A-3)

Councilman Schwab moved the Council concur with the recommendation for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 19308. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. NOT VOTING: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

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Tentative Tract Map No. 21835: Located southerly of 166th Street, westerly of Arlington Avenue, northerly of the Dominguez Channel and easterly of Tract No. 20803, containing 19 lots and submitted by the Grand Construction Company. The Planning Commission recommended approval, subject to the following special conditions: (1) That an additional special bond be posted by Grand Construction Company to cover sewer moving costs at some future date, and (2) That notarized letters from the individual or individuals of Grand Construction Company be placed on file agreeing to move the sewer from its proposed location at this time to 166th Place, at no expense to the City. Subject also to conditions of approval under original Tract No. 20944: (1) That 6-1/2' chain link fence be erected along rear of lots adjacent to Dominguez Channel. (2) That lots have minimum elevation of 38'. (3) That street designated at 166th Place shall be filled to elevation higher than Dominguez Channel to insure that water from Channel will not back up through pipes and flood 166th Place.

The transmittal form was accompanied by copies of a letter from Mr. John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, dated June 14, 1955, two letters signed by Tony Parravano, both of which had been notarized and dated July 6, 1955; and a letter from Barclay Engineering Company, Inc., signed by J.R. Spahn under date of June 10, 1955.

Councilman Schwab moved the Council concur in the recommendation for approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale suggested that all communications from the Engineering Department and Planning Commission be incorporated in the conditions for approval. Mayor Isen said he would so order, that all communications and recommendations be made a part of the record in connection with each tract that is approved.

Planning Commission Case No. 348: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 348 (Amendment to Case No. 331), application of Dominguez Estate Company for Change of Zone of certain parcels from R-1 to C-2; others from A-1 to C-2.

As this case is for a Change of Zone, Mayor Isen set the date of July 26, 1955, for the third and final hearing before the City Council.

Planning Commission Case No. 349: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 349 (Case No. 335 extension), Change of Zone in North Torrance from A-1 to M-1 and C-2.

As this case is for a Change of Zone, Mayor Isen set the date of July 26, 1955, for the third and final hearing before the City Council.

Planning Commission Case No. 352: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending disapproval of Case No. 352, application for Variance submitted by Houske-Carpenter to permit rearranging of parking facilities.

Councilman Benstead moved the Variance be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, resulted in a tie by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale moved that this case be held over to the next meeting and be resubmitted when there is a full Council present. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Annexation of Victor Precinct: Recommendation of Planning Commission to City Council to start necessary proceedings for the annexation of a portion of Victor Precinct lying west of Henrietta Street, north of Torrance Boulevard, south of Del Amo and east of Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Councilman Schwab moved the Council concur with the Planning Commission regarding the annexation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved that City Manager Stevens take the necessary steps to get this annexation under way. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request for Permanent Appointment: Recommendation of the Planning Commission, in behalf of Secretary Powell, that the City Council make a permanent assignment of a Secretary to the Planning Commission, Planning Director and Land Use Director.

Councilman Benstead asked if Mr. Powell would have the power or authority to enforce the ordinances, if he is given permanent appointment to the position. Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that, if the Council so desired, the Planning Director could be charged with the duty of seeking out violations and reporting them to the Legal Department; that in order to enforce an ordinance you have to appear in Court and only an attorney can do this.

Mayor Isen moved the Council concur with the permanent appointment of Mr. Powell and the titles designated for his office. Councilman Drale seconded the motion, subject to a new classification be set, which would come under the Civil Service rules and regulations.

Discussion was held on the present Civil Service classification held by Mr. Powell, which is that of Assistant Director of Civil Defense. Councilman Drale suggested that this be taken over by someone in the Fire or Police Departments. City Manager Stevens advised that some cities do have a man handle this job, who is a permanent employee of the Police, Fire or another department. He said it takes one man to handle the job and that he should be a permanent employee.

Further discussion was held with Mr. Powell, who said he would suggest that a classification be set up for Planning Director and if he didn't pass the examination that would be his hard luck.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion and Councilman Drale his second.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the permanent appointment of Mr. Powell as Secretary to the Planning Commission, Planning Director and Land Use Investigator, subject to the classification being drawn up and approved by the Civil Service Board and an examination called. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Twenty-foot Easement, East Side of Madrona Avenue: Recommendation of City Engineer Bishop regarding acquisition of twenty-foot easement on the east side of Madrona Avenue, southerly of Eldorado Street.

When asked for his recommendation, City Manager Stevens said he would recommend that, in return for free acquisition of this right-of-way, we pave the street, but do not put in curbs.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens if he would submit his recommendation in writing at the next regular meeting. Mr. Stevens said he would.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2779

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT
OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2779. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2780

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE AMBASSADOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2780. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 758

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ENTITLED "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, 1954", PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES HEREINAFTER SET OUT.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 758 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2781

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GIVING NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND CODIFYING THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INTO A "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE" AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2781. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 753

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON THE USE OR OTHER CONSUMPTION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication from the Chamber of Commerce under date of July 12, 1955, relative to this ordinance, be filed and made a part of the record. The communication advised of the following action taken at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held July 11, 1955: Motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, "That the Chamber Board of Directors request the City Council to defer action on Ordinance No. 753, until the effect of recent State Legislation, A.B. 3111, can be determined".

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Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 753 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 754

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING SALES TAX ORDINANCE NO. 397 TO
INCREASE THE RATE OF SALES TAX ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL
PROPERTY AT RETAIL TO 1%.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 754 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 755

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 751.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 755 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Isen said the Planning Commission has completed a year of great activities and had given a summary by Mr. Powell of the fine accomplishment during the year; there have been a few criticisms, which the Council feels have been unfounded for the most part; that he felt it was appropriate at this time for the Council to go on record with a vote of thanks for the good work they have done during this fiscal year, because they are a very hard working Commission. Mayor Isen so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen directed that this portion of the minutes be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen advised that a Highway Committee has been organized covering four cities, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach, the purpose of which was to meet with the deputies of Supervisors Chace and Hahn, and the Supervisors when necessary, to study the road conditions, proposed freeways, road improvements, etc. as pertains to this particular area. The Committee members include a Councilman and a citizen from each city and Mayor Isen has been requested to make the appointments as soon as possible. Mayor Isen appointed Councilman Drale and Mr. Everett M. Gregory as members of the Highway Committee. Councilman Drale accepted the appointment and Mayor Isen advised that Mr. Gregory, 320 Calle Mayor, Hollywood Riviera, had been previously contacted and has accepted the appointment. Mayor Isen said Palos Verdes Estates had also been invited to appoint members on this Committee.

City Clerk Bartlett read two communications from Richfield Oil Corporation, stating that under City of Torrance Franchise No. 92 and Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance Nos. 1358-1361 N.S. within the limits of the City of Torrance, no pipelines have been laid, removed or abandoned in place during the period from January 1, 1955, to June 30, 1955, inclusive.

Councilman Drale moved the communications be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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